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LETTER DATED 15 NOVEMBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UKRAINE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine dated 14 November 1995 concerning the signing of the basic agreement on the region of Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

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Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine dated 14 November 1995 concerning the signing of the basic agreement on the region of Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine welcomes the agreement concerning the peaceful reintegration of the territory of Eastern Slavonia with Croatia (S/1995/951, annex), concluded on 12 November 1995 in Dayton, Ohio, United States of America, between the President of Serbia, Mr. S. Milosevic, and the President of Croatia, Mr. F. Tudjman.

Ukraine, which has frequently spoken out in favour of the need for a speedy resolution of the Yugoslav crisis on the basis of mutually acceptable formulas of reconciliation, considers the agreement to be an important step that substantially increases the chances of achieving a comprehensive peace in the whole territory of the former Yugoslavia.

In this connection, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine urges the Serbian and Croatian parties to apply the maximum of effort to bring about the full and effective implementation of the provisions of the understandings reached. Ukraine also hopes that the resolution of this problem, which has adversely affected relations between the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, should open up a realistic path towards the process of mutual acknowledgement between the States comprising the territory of the former Yugoslavia.

Ukraine takes the view that the balanced and constructive position of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, backed by specific practical measures, raises the urgent question of the essential need to lift the Security Council sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, since that is an integral part of the process of a comprehensive peaceful settlement in the Balkans.